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Commission on Judicial Appointments to Consider Appointment to Court of Appeal

Confirmation Hearing Set February 8 in Los Angeles

San Francisco—A public meeting has been scheduled by the Commission on Judicial Appointments for Monday, February 8, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. in the Supreme Court Courtroom, Ronald Reagan State Office Building, 300 South Spring Street, Los Angeles, to consider the appointment by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of Associate Justice Tricia Ann Bigelow as Presiding Justice of the Court of Appeal, Second Appellate District, Division Eight (Los Angeles).

Justice Bigelow, of the Second Appellate District, Division Eight, has served as an associate justice since 2008. She fills the vacancy created by the retirement of Presiding Justice Candace D. Cooper.

The state Constitution specifies that a gubernatorial appointment to the Supreme Court or the Court of Appeal is “effective when confirmed by the Commission on Judicial Appointments.” The members of the commission who will consider the appointment are Chief Justice Ronald M. George, Chair; Attorney General Edmund G. Brown, Jr.; and Presiding Justice Joan Dempsey Klein, senior presiding justice of the Second Appellate District.

All communications to the commission by persons who wish to comment on the appointment should be received by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010.

The commission’s address is:

Commission on Judicial Appointments
c/o Chief Justice of California
Supreme Court of California
350 McAllister Street
San Francisco, California 94102
Attention: Secretary to the Commission

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Anyone wishing to testify before the commission must state that request in writing and include a summary of the facts on which any testimony or opinion will be based. A request to be included on the speakers' list must be received by the commission by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2010.

The guidelines for the Commission on Judicial Appointments are published as an appendix to the California Rules of Court and are available on the California Courts Web site at <http://www.courtinfo.ca.gov/reference/documents/guidelinescja.pdf>.

The guidelines also can be obtained by calling the Public Information Office of the Judicial Council/Administrative Office of the Courts at 415-865-7740/7726.

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